

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A portable audio device, comprising:
 - a) a digital audio player operable to convert digital signals stored in a memory to audio signals;
 - b) audio outputs operable to allow a user to hear the audio signals; ~~and~~
 - c) an expansion module operable to provide additional capacity to the digital audio player, wherein the expansion module resides on a removable component at a location away from the digital audio player, the removable component being communicatively coupled to the digital audio player when the digital audio player is playing audio signals; and
wherein the expansion module includes additional memory that is accessible by the digital audio player when the digital audio player is playing audio signals.
2. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 1, wherein the removable component ~~portable audio device further~~ comprises a remote control connected to the player and the audio outputs.
3. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein the expansion module resides on the remote control.
4. (Currently Amended) The portable audio device of claim 3, wherein the expansion module ~~modules~~ is removable.

5. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 1, wherein the expansion module resides on ~~in~~ the audio outputs.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 1, wherein the expansion module further includes a ~~contains a~~ battery for providing power to the digital audio player.

8. (Currently amended) A portable audio device, comprising:

a) a digital audio player operable to convert digital signals to audio signals, the player comprising:

i) a memory operable to store digital signals;

ii) a battery operable to provide power; and

iii) a digital to analog converter operable to convert the digital signals to analog audio signals;

b) a remote control in connection with the player operable to allow a user to operate the player from the remote control;

c) an expansion module operable to provide additional capacity to the player, wherein the expansion module resides separate from the digital audio player on a removable component, the removable component being communicatively coupled to the digital audio player when the digital audio player is playing audio signals; and

d) audio outputs operable to allow a user to hear the audio signals; and

wherein the expansion module includes additional memory that is accessible by the digital audio player when the digital audio player is playing audio signals.

9. (Original) The portable audio device of claim 8, wherein the expansion module resides on the remote control.

10. (Original) The portable audio device of claim 9, wherein the expansion module is removable from the remote control.

11. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 8_9, wherein the expansion module resides on ~~in~~ the audio outputs.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 8 9, wherein the expansion module further includes ~~contains~~ an additional battery for providing power to the digital audio player.

14. (Currently amended) A portable audio device, comprising:

a) a digital audio player operable to convert digital signals to audio signals, the player comprising:

i) a memory operable to store digital signals;

ii) a battery operable to provide power; and

iii) a digital to analog converter operable to convert the digital signals to analog audio signals;

b) a remote control communicatively connected to ~~in connection with~~ the player operable to allow a user to operate the player from the remote control;

c) an expansion module resident on the remote control operable to provide additional memory capacity to the digital audio player, ~~wherein the expansion module resides separate from the player~~; and

d) audio outputs operable to allow a user to hear the audio signals.

15. (Original) The portable audio device of claim 14, wherein the expansion module is removable from the remote control.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 14, wherein the expansion module includes further comprises an additional battery for providing power to the digital audio player or includes additional memory for storing digital signals.

18. (Currently amended) A portable audio device, comprising:

a) means for converting digital signals stored in a memory to audio signals;

b) means for allowing a user to hear audio signals; ~~and~~

c) means for providing additional memory capacity to the digital audio player, wherein the means for providing additional memory capacity ~~expansion module~~ resides at a location

away from the digital audio player on removable component, the removable component being communicatively coupled to the digital audio player when the digital audio player is playing audio signals.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently amended) The portable audio device of claim 18, ~~wherein the additional capacity is~~ further including means for providing additional battery capacity to the digital audio player.